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Docket No.: 22956-71

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: I. McRury et al.

Application No.: 10/024,625

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: SUTURE WELDING SYSTEM AND METHOD

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: D. Erez

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicants request that the following be entered into the file and considered by the Examiner before the issuance of an Office Action:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.